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SUBJ: INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT: EXCHANGEES ROBERT ACKERMAN

1. AFTER INFORMING EMBASSY, EXCHANGEES ROBERT E. ACKERMAN HAS MET WITH ACADEMY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS DERIVED FROM ACADEMY'S TARDY AND EVENTUALLY UNSATISFACTORY (IN ACKERMAN'S VIEW) PREPARATION OF HIS PROGRAM AND HIS CONSEQUENT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF HIS CURRENT PROGRAM.

2. ACKERMAN EARLIER PREPARED FOR KULAKOV LETTER AND DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW THAT ACADEMY CONFIRMATION DELAYS PUSHED BACK HIS ARRIVAL BY SIX MONTHS, RESULTING IN LOSS OF HALF OF THE SABBATICAL YEAR. FINALLY-APPROVED PROGRAM DESCRIBED AS UNSATISFACTORY. LETTER ASKED EXTENSION OF PROGRAM THROUGH 1 SEPTEMBER TO INCLUDE WORKING VISITS IN IRKUTSK, MAGADAN, AND YAKUTSK. ACKERMAN EXPLAINED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS HIS INTENTION TO EXPRESS ORALLY TO ACADEMY, BUT NOT TO WRITE

THAT OTHER US EXCHANGEES KNOWN TO ACKERMAN HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED OR DISADVANTAGED BY POOR ACADEMY PROGRAMMING. ACKERMAN HAS SENT COPY OF LETTER TO NAS: EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES, REGISTRY NUMBER 1907788, COPY WHICH HE PROVIDED US.

3. JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE 6 APRIL FOR NOVOSIBIRSK, ACKERMAN PHONED EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT HE HAD MET AT ACADEMY WITH BABAKAYEV (IN ABSENCE KULAKOV), AND THAT LETTER HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. ACCORDING TO ACKERMAN, BABAKAYEV EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT EXTENSION ITSELF AND VISITS TO IRKUTSK AND YAKUTSK WOULD BE POSSIBLE. BABAKAYEV REPORTEDLY SAID THAT PERMISSION TO GO TO MAGADAN WOULD

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INVOLVE "OTHER OFFICES" AND CONSEQUENTLY "TOO MUCH PAPERWORK"

IN TIME ALLOTTED (AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, MAGADAN IS CLOSED CITY).

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADVISE NAS OF FOREGOING.
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